

Solano County Justice Center and Claybank Detention Facility

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Solano County Sheriff/Coroner and Board of Supervisors responses to the Grand Jury Report:

Finding #1

One unit was eliminated from the expansion of the Claybank Facility to save money.

Sheriff/Coroner's Response to Finding #1

The Sheriff agrees with the finding of the Grand Jury. The Sheriff has no authority over the development of a construction budget for the proposed jail expansion. A more detailed response will be provided by the County Administrator's Office.

Board of Supervisors Response to Finding #1

The Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding of the Grand Jury.

Recommendation #1

The Board of Supervisors should reconsider its decision to eliminate a unit from the Claybank Detention Facility expansion. The additional construction costs will be cheaper today than in the future and AB 900 may provide supplement funds.

Sheriff/Coroner's Response to Recommendation #1

The Sheriff agrees with the recommendation of the Grand Jury. The Sheriff has no authority over the development of a construction budget for the proposed jail expansion. A more detailed response will be provided by the County Administrator's Office.

County Administrator's Response to Recommendation #1

Although not identified as the affected department, the County Administrator's Office suggests that this recommendation requires further analysis. The re-design of the Claybank Detention Facility expansion provided for the same capacity, 512 inmates, in seven units, rather than eight units. This allows for reduced operating costs without sacrificing capacity.

However, the decision to construct the expansion has been on hold due to the uncertainties in the financial market, the economy, and cost of jail operations. It is expected that the Board will consider the expansion again by November 2008.

Board of Supervisors Response to Recommendation #1

The Board of Supervisors agrees with the County Administrator's response that the Grand Jury's recommendation requires more analysis. The decision to not construct the expansion at this time was due to a combination of factors: the uncertainty of the financial market, the economy and annual operating costs of \$20 million for the jail expansion. The Board of Supervisors has directed staff to reassess the financial market and bring the Claybank Facility expansion project back to the Board for discussion by November, 2008.

Finding #2

The Sheriff and his staff are doing a commendable job.

Sheriff/Coroner's Response to Finding #2

The Sheriff agrees with the finding of the Grand Jury.

Board of Supervisors Response to Finding #2

The Board of Supervisors agrees with the finding of the Grand Jury.

Recommendation #2

The Sheriff and his staff should continue to maintain high standards demonstrated through their innovative programs and well run facility.

Sheriff/Coroner's Response to Recommendation #2

The Sheriff agrees with the recommendation of the Grand Jury.

Board of Supervisors Response to Recommendation #2

The recommendation has been implemented.